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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Keizo AKUTAGAWA, et al.

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Examiner: Peter C. ENGLISH

Filed: February 27, 2002

For: VEHICLE CONTROL METHOD AND VEHICLE CONTROL APPARATUS

RESPONSE

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement entered by the Examiner on July 15, 2003, Applicants wish to elect Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a vehicle control method.

The present election is made with traverse. The present method and apparatus claims are so linked as to be analogues of each other and technically interrelated. Further, at the PCT phase, the claims were considered directed to the same invention and were not restricted.

An action on the merits of the claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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